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SUBJ: NORWAY ENDORSES SPD CALL FOR CONFERENCE ON PORTUGUESE
COLONIALISM

1. NORWEGIAN LABOR OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN QUICK TO ENDORSE
(AND TO SUGGEST THEY MAY DESERVE SOME CREDIT FOR) THE
SUGGESTION OF A WEST GERMAN SPD OFFICIAL FOR AN INTER-
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND

TRADE UNION LEADERS ON PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM.

2. BOTH REIULF STEEN, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY, AND THORVALD STOLTENBERG, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO), ARE QUOTED BY ARBEIDERBLADET AS SAYING NORWAY WILL OF COURSE PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A CONFERENCE, WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS PROPOSED IN BONN ON AUGUST 7 BY HANS-JURGEN WISCHNEWSKI, DESCRIBED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMISSION IN THE SPD CENTRAL COMMITTEE. WISCHNEWSKI'S PROPOSAL, ACCORDING TO ARBEIDERBLADET, CAME IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT VISIT TO BONN OF TOP LEADERS OF FRELIMO AS GUESTS OF THE SPD.

3. STEEN POINTED OUT TO ARBEIDERBLADET THAT THE LABOR PARTY HAS LONG HAD CONTACT AND COOPERATION WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL AREAS AND CONSIDERS IT EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT THAT THE SPD, AS A GOVERNING PARTY, HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO PROPOSE A CONFERENCE FOR DISCUSSING A COMMON POSITION TOWARD PORTUGUESE COLONIAL POLICIES. STOLTENBERG REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT HE DISCUSSED THE POSITION OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT TOWARD PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM WITH WISCHNEWSKI LAST MAY AND POINTED OUT THAT, AS OF THEN, ONLY NORWAY AND DENMARK HAD TAKEN STRONG POSITIONS AGAINST THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT; HE TOLD WISCHNEWSKI, HE SAID, THAT NORWAY HOPED OTHERS WOULD FOLLOW UP, IN NATO AND ELSEWHERE. BUCHANAN

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